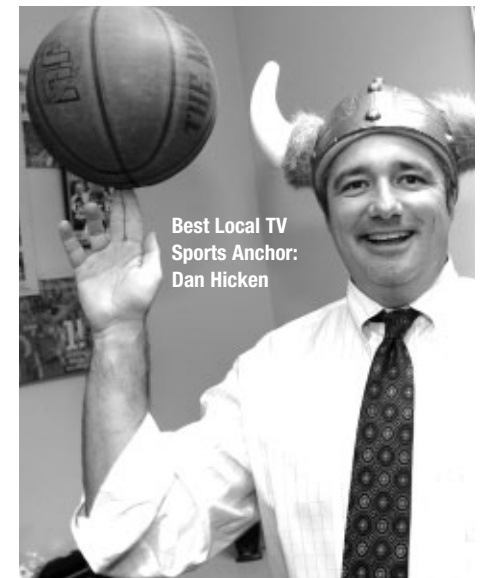


NEWS & THE MEDIA



Best Local TV Sports Anchor: Dan Hicken

and discuss it in sometimes pugilistic, sometimes infantile and sometimes insightful forums. The content reflects the particular obsessions of the core bloggers. There's usually a thread on mass transit, a series of articles on local history and an ongoing series on urban design in other cities. Metro Jacksonville also breaks news. It was the first media to report on the fight of the Springfield group Preservation SOS to stop the demolition of historic houses, a bit of publicity that prompted the city to put 139 scheduled demolitions on hold.

BEST LOCAL NEWS WEBSITE News4Jax.com

With millions of page views per month, the News4Jax website has a powerful reach. Whether you're looking for a quickie weather report, a sports score or a story you missed, News4Jax has it all, complete with archived video clips, a searchable calendar of events and the always-nutty list of "Most Popular" headlines. Long a trusted local station, Channel 4 has emerged as Folio Weekly readers' online favorite as well.

BEST LOCAL TWITTER FEED visit_jax

The Twitter site of the Convention & Visitors Bureau is certainly boosterish, but it's also full of good information about new restaurants, upcoming cultural events, city news, even drink specials. And the @visit_jax site has fragmented into several specialized categories, including threads for golf info, Jaguars fans and even luxury lifestyles. Though its 3,000-plus followers aren't quite in Ashton Kutcher territory, it's Folio Weekly readers' favorite source of Tweets.

BEST LOCAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER Ken Amaro

The link to Ken Amaro's e-mail on First Coast

BEST LOCAL NEWS STORY OF 2010 EverBank Naming Rights Agreement

After four long years of attending games at the anonymous-sounding Municipal Stadium, locals were thrilled to hear that the naming rights to their hometown field had been sold to the highest bidder. OK, the bid wasn't all that high. Still, fans rejoiced and the local media fed the frenzy with news stories about the deal. As it happens, the feelgood story was complicated by the somewhat unsavory transaction that accompanied it, in which the city agreed to give away its share of the naming revenue and exposed the cozy relations between Jags bigwigs and their lackeys on the City Council. It was awkward, sure, but it made an already good story better.

BEST FOLIO WEEKLY COVER STORY OF 2010 "Tea & Little Sympathy," by Hal Crowther

Any cover story that generates scorching hate mail, boycott threats and phone calls that make you want to apply hand sanitizer is obviously a winner, and Hal Crowther's scathing look at the Tea Party succeeded on all fronts. Even as it infuriated the party faithful, it provoked a flood of appreciation from those — on both the left and the right — who believe fear, anger and righteousness are best kept out of the political brew.

BEST LOCAL BLOG Urban Jacksonville

It's been only a few years since Joey Marchy started his blog, strapping on a camera and taking pictures as he rode his bike around downtown, before posting the photos on

UrbanJacksonville.info. Not only a reliable chronicler of the city, Marchy's a key social conduit, eager to share cool stuff he knows about and finds. This year, UrbanJacksonville added a weekly webcast featuring conversations among Marchy, Tony Allegretti, Jonathan Bennett and Jack Diablo. And Urban Jacksonville remains a great source for local trends, often the first place to find out about new shops, restaurants or interesting happenings, including a series of sunrise gatherings, the library's Zine collection and new Five Points restaurants.

BEST LOCAL POLITICAL BLOG Metro Jacksonville

The bloggers of Metro Jacksonville are a tenacious bunch. They claim a subject, then report on it, link to other media stories about it,



Best Local TV Morning Show: "The Morning Show" on WJXT



Best Local TV Anchor:
Donna Deegan

News' website is "I'm telling Ken," and he remains the man people turn to when the landlord's promise to fix the air conditioning has melted into a puddle of sweat, or a clogged drainage ditch is causing a neighborhood to turn into a swamp whenever it rains. The tire company, auto mechanic and pet groomer may have been thumbing their noses at your request, but when consumer reporter Ken Amaro shows up with his film crew, even the most hardheaded business owners usually decide to do what's right. Amaro does more than solve individual wrongs, however. He makes a lesson out of it, so that by the time the A/C is finally fixed, viewers know a little bit more about their rights under Florida's Landlord/Tenant Law.

BEST LOCAL TV ANCHOR
Donna Deegan

Over the course of her career, Jacksonville native Donna Deegan has worn many hats — author, marathon runner, cancer survivor — but her role as news anchor came first, and remains the core of her local identity. Easily Jacksonville's most trusted newscaster, Deegan's greatest asset is her ability to drill down on hard news stories without sacrificing her genial, approachable style. For Folio Weekly readers, she's emerged from a sea of local anchors as the No. 1 reason to tune in.

BEST LOCAL TV NEWSCAST
First Coast News

Since 1957, First Coast News has covered news, traffic and weather for Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. It was the first television station to air a live launch from Cape Canaveral in the '60s and helped establish community-supported WJCT. Once the unlikely upstart in a market dominated by Channel 4, the First Coast News posse has amassed a



Best Local Radio Show: WAPE's "Morning Mess"

deep bench, with players like Deanna Fené, Tim Deegan, Ken Amaro, Donna Deegan, Jeannie Blaylock, Dan Hicken, Joy Purdy and Phil Amato. Impressive as that list is, the station's on-the-spot coverage of crime, budget and education issues is what keeps viewers turning to it each night. More than a decade after WJXX and WTLV merged newsrooms, the newscast that some thought would never dominate has become the one Folio Weekly readers like best.

BEST-LOOKING TALKING HEAD
Bruce Hamilton

Oh, those pearly whites, that salt-and-pepper coif, that bronze skin. For Folio Weekly readers, Bruce Hamilton is hunk No. 1 in local TV news, and this year's Best-Looking Talking Head. And since he's co-anchor of "The Morning Show," a four-hour local news show on Channel 4 WJXT, we get to see plenty of him. In addition to being



Best Local Radio Personality:
Melissa Ross, "First Coast Connect" on WJCT 89.9 FM

BEST OF JAX 2010



Best Local Radio Station: X 102.9 FM

an Emmy Award-winning journalist, the Albuquerque, N.M. native enjoys Frank Sinatra, Michael Bublé and long walks on the beach (OK, we made that last part up).

BEST LOCAL TV WEATHER FORECASTER Tim Deegan

As chief meteorologist at First Coast News, Tim Deegan's the go-to guy for hurricane or heat wave info. The Corpus Christi, Texas native delivers the goods during four newscasts each weekday (at 5, 5:30, 6 and 11 p.m.) and after nearly 30 years with the station, he's a big part of the community as well. He's active with the American Lung Association and his wife, Donna Deegan's, charity, The Donna Foundation. Perhaps more importantly, he's an avid surfer and runner — who better to turn to before heading out into the elements?

BEST LOCAL TV SPORTS ANCHOR Dan Hicken

As sports director and weeknight sports anchor for First Coast News and host of "Sports Final Radio" on WJXL 1010 AM, Dan Hicken's got his finger in a lot of pies. He won a regional Emmy for his series on Jacksonville's quest for an NFL team and regularly covers local events like Jaguars games, The Players Championship and the Daytona 500. He's a father of three and according to his Wikipedia entry, has been accused of having a man-crush on Tiger Woods. Which might work out, y'know, because Tiger has a lot of free time these days.

BEST LOCAL TV MORNING SHOW The Morning Show on WJXT

Not everyone wipes crust from their eyes before 9 a.m., but for those of you who do, "The Morning Show" on WJXT is your favorite show to wake up to. From 5 to 9 a.m., personalities like Bruce Hamilton, Staci Spanos, Jason Law and meteorologist Richard Nunn relay everything from a shrimp-and-grits recipe to local traffic reports to tax advice — and somehow manage to do it without seeming annoyingly over-caffeinated.



Best-Looking Talking Head:
Bruce Hamilton

BEST LOCAL RADIO PERSONALITY Melissa Ross, "First Coast Connect" on WJCT 89.9 FM

Though her background is in television, Melissa Ross has devoted herself to bringing Jacksonville in-depth radio reporting in the vein of Diane Rehm. Each morning, she sits down for long-form interviews with the city's top elected officials, cultural leaders and civic advocates, asking timely and tough questions about issues of the day. Though Ross is deferential and averse to "gotcha" journalism, her determination to get her subjects on the record discussing difficult topics has turned her program into one of the most consequential news forums in local media.

BEST LOCAL SPORTS RADIO PERSONALITY David Lamm

David Lamm (aka the Guru) has never shied from expressing his opinion or creating a little controversy — which is, of course, why he's Folio Weekly readers' favorite local sports radio personality. Last year, the sexagenarian was let go from his longtime position at WFXJ 930 AM and took a job with 1010XL AM. The "Lamm at Large Show" (with Joe Cowart), a program that airs each weekday afternoon, has helped Lamm remain one of the most popular (and despised!) voices on local sports radio.

BEST LOCAL RADIO STATION X 102.9 FM

Nearly two years ago, X 102.9 (WXXJ) changed its tagline from The Point to Jacksonville's New Rock Alternative, and '80s music turned to modern rock as bands like Beastie Boys, Korn, Green Day and White Stripes took over the airwaves. The station simply known as X has since become a Northeast Florida staple — sponsoring testosterone-filled events like WWE SmackDown and Global Cage Fighting. Its website even has sections devoted to "Hot Girls Doing Guy Things" and "Drunk'd," where you can post embarrassing photos of your sauced-up friends. The jury's still out on the question of the photo of the guy face-down in a urinal is for real.

BEST LOCAL RADIO SHOW WAPE Morning Mess

For some 200 days each year, you take the same ol' commute and sip on the same ol' four-dollar latte. So what makes each morning just a little bit easier? That's right: "The Big Ape Morning Mess" on WAPE. Every weekday morning from 5:30 to 10 a.m., Mark Kaye, Anna and Ashley bring you segments like "Cranky Call," "Hollywood Hotsheet," "The Rundown" and all-around witty banter to get the day started. It may not make your job any better, but the commute is a helluva lot less painful.